

CLAIMS

1. A buckle comprising:
 - a main body, said main body including a first connection means including at least one bar integrally formed with the main body of the buckle, and defining at least one elongate slot therein adapted for receiving a length of webbing or the like; and
 - a securing portion, said securing portion including a second connection means including a first arm integrally formed with the main body of the buckle, wherein said first arm has proximal and distal ends, said proximal end being attached to the main body of the buckle and said first arm extending from the main body of the buckle in a first direction and defining a first aperture therewith, and said first aperture having an opening at one end, facing in said first direction, through which a captive loop of webbing may be guided into said first aperture;
 - wherein a second arm is integrally formed with the main body of the buckle, wherein said second arm extends from said first arm in a second direction, substantially opposite to said first direction, and defines a second aperture therewith, wherein said second aperture has an opening at one end, facing in said second direction, adapted to receive said captive loop of webbing.
2. The buckle of Claim 1, wherein said first opening is a web passageway, said web passageway extending between said main body of the buckle and said distal end of said first arm and being adapted to guide a captive loop of webbing into said first aperture.
3. The buckle of Claim 1, wherein the second arm is turned through approximately 180° relative to the first arm and faces in a direction opposite to that of the first arm, and is in spaced apart parallel relationship to the first arm to define the second aperture.
4. The buckle of Claim 3, wherein the second arm has a free distal end which defines with the first arm an open web passageway leading in to the aperture.
5. The buckle of Claim 1, wherein the web passageway leading to the first aperture is inclined at an angle to the longitudinal axis of the buckle.

6. The buckle of Claim 1, wherein said first connection means comprises two bars integrally formed with the main body of the buckle, defining two elongate slots therein.
7. The buckle of Claim 6, wherein one of said slots is bent at an angle to the horizontal.
8. The buckle of Claim 1, wherein the plane of the buckle is bent out of the horizontal along a transverse bend line at an acute angle.